

# ART & DESIGN

## A Level

### This subject will suit you if:

- You are creative, imaginative and you enjoy exploring ideas and concepts.

Studying Art and Design you will enjoy developing your understanding of the visual world, learn practical skills and respond to artists and themes in ways that are personal to you.

Art and Design offers opportunities to use your creativity to express yourself. You will develop your understanding of creative processes, your ability to observe and to think, to solve problems and to communicate in a visual way. It will enable you to work independently and to make your own discoveries by exploring ideas, other artists' work and different materials and techniques. Fine art gives you the skills and knowledge to create personal and imaginative work. If you have an adventurous, creative and enquiring mind and are excited by shaping and determining the visual world around us, there is a career opportunity waiting for you.

- Art and Design is a great companion to all other subjects as creativity, imagination and problem solving skills can give you great ideas for your other subjects.



## Provisional Entry Requirements

B or above in GCSE Art. Students who have not taken Art at GCSE will still be considered but must be able to demonstrate appropriate skills. The ability to draw is essential.



## What You'll Study

During the course you will build knowledge and understanding in traditional media such as painting, drawing, printmaking, graphics, mixed media and sculpture and you will also have the opportunity build skills in new media like Photography or Moving image (animation, film and video). You will learn how to develop projects which respond to the work of artists and which produce creative ambitious outcomes.

- AS assessment**

At AS you will produce a portfolio of work for component 1 which counts for 60% of your total AS marks. In component 2 you will produce personal work in response to one of five exciting starting points which will count for 40% of your total AS marks.

- A-level assessment**

At A-level for component 1 you will develop work for a personal investigation into an idea, issue, concept or theme supported by written material. This will count for 60% of your total A-level marks. In component 2 you will produce personal work in response to one of eight exciting starting points which will count for 40% of your total A-level marks.



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## Why I chose Art and Design ~ Sadhbh

"I am happy I chose Art as an A Level at Parrs Wood because I feel I have responsibility for my own work and the opportunity to create what I choose. The small class sizes mean you gain lots of one to one tuition which is helpful. The teachers are very open and easy to talk to and develop ideas with. Art is my favourite subject as I am allowed to express different feelings and attitudes through the creation of my art work."



## Why I chose Art and Design ~ Jack

"When taking Art at A Level it is important not to be told what to do all the time but to be guided in what direction you can take your work. This is exactly what you get from the teachers at Parrs Wood. They will help you see where to take your work and what needs to be expanded on. They can identify your strengths and weaknesses early and with small classes of around 10 students they can spend more one-on-one time with each student and give you the attention you need."



## Ideas for Progression

The course will enable you to progress to a broad range of specialist art and design degree courses including Painting, Printmaking, Textiles, Illustration, architecture, sculpture, photography and graphic design. Through initial progression onto a Pre-degree Foundation course then to your chosen area in Art and Design. Parrs Wood has a reputation of regularly Progressing students to both Foundation and Degree level.



## Enrichment

You will have the opportunity to go on a range of trips including visits to galleries in London and Manchester, plus the opportunity to take part in a residential trip abroad, in the past we have run successful trips to Paris and Barcelona. We also visit Pre-degree Foundation and Degree Shows at Manchester Metropolitan University and also work closely to give students exhibition opportunities through Didsbury Arts Festival. There are also chances to view the portfolios of visiting artists and designers and discuss with them their experiences in Art and Design.

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